

CLAIMS

1 1. A marker adapted to fit onto a hook of a clothes hanger to convey information
2 concerning a garment hung from the clothes hanger, said marker comprising:

3 an outer wall extending longitudinally in the direction of the hook and defining a
4 central traversing opening that is adapted to receive the clothes hanger hook, said outer
5 wall including an inner peripheral surface and an outer peripheral surface, the outer
6 peripheral surface bearing the information;

7 a slot opening within said wall extending over the entire longitudinal length
8 thereof, said slot permitting passage laterally of the hook through said slot for mounting
9 of said marker to the clothes hanger hook; and

10 a gate bard and a blocking barb extending generally radially inwardly from the
11 inner peripheral surface of said outer wall and being positioned on either side of said slot
12 opening within said outer wall, said gate barb and said blocking barb being non-
13 symmetrical to each other with respect to a plane that extends radially outwardly from the
14 center of the marker through the slot opening and axially along a direction of the hanger
15 hook within the marker, said gate barb flexing more than said blocking barb when the
16 hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly through the slot opening into the marker, and
17 said blocking barb providing a substantial reactive blocking force along a longitudinal
18 length of said blocking barb when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from
19 within the marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.

1 2. The marker as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gate barb includes a radially inner
2 surface that serves to deflect the hanger hook away from the slot opening.

1 3. The marker as claimed in claim 2, wherein said gate barb includes a radially
2 inward tip that is defined between a generally rounded radially outer surface and a
3 generally flat radially inner surface.

1 4. The marker as claimed in claim 1, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 outer surface adjacent said slot opening that contributes to guiding the hanger hook
3 toward the center of the marker when the hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly
4 through the slot opening into the marker.

1 5. The marker as claimed in claim 4, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 inner end portion that includes a generally flat surface against which the hanger hook
3 may be contacted when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from within the
4 marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.

1 6. A marker adapted to fit onto a hook of a clothes hanger to convey information
2 concerning a garment hung from the clothes hanger, said marker comprising:

3 a generally cylindrical ring wall extending longitudinally in the direction of the
4 hook and defining a central traversing opening that is adapted to receive the clothes
5 hanger hook, said ring wall including an inner peripheral surface and an outer peripheral
6 surface, the outer peripheral surface bearing the information;

7 a slot opening within said wall extending over the entire longitudinal length
8 thereof, said slot permitting passage laterally of the hook through said slot for mounting
9 of said marker to the clothes hanger hook; and

10 a gate bard and a blocking barb extending generally radially inwardly from the
11 inner peripheral surface of said ring wall and being positioned on either side of said slot

12 opening within said ring wall, said gate barb and said blocking barb being non-
13 symmetrical to each other with respect to a plane that extends radially outwardly from the
14 center of the marker through the slot opening and axially along a direction of the hanger
15 hook within the marker, said gate barb flexing more than said blocking barb when the
16 hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly through the slot opening into the marker, and
17 said blocking barb providing a substantial reactive blocking force along a longitudinal
18 length of said blocking barb when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from
19 within the marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.

1 7. The marker as claimed in claim 6, wherein said gate barb includes a radially inner
2 surface that serves to deflect the hanger hook away from the slot opening.

1 8. The marker as claimed in claim 7, wherein said gate barb includes a radially
2 inward tip that is defined between a generally rounded radially outer surface and a
3 generally flat radially inner surface.

1 9. The marker as claimed in claim 6, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 outer surface adjacent said slot opening that contributes to guiding the hanger hook
3 toward the center of the marker when the hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly
4 through the slot opening into the marker.

1 10. The marker as claimed in claim 9, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 inner end portion that includes a generally flat surface against which the hanger hook
3 may be contacted when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from within the
4 marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.

1 11. A marker adapted to fit onto a hook of a clothes hanger to convey information
2 concerning a garment hung from the clothes hanger, said marker comprising:
3 a generally cylindrical ring wall extending longitudinally in the direction of the
4 hook and defining a central traversing opening that is adapted to receive the clothes
5 hanger hook, said ring wall including an inner peripheral surface and an outer peripheral
6 surface, the outer peripheral surface bearing the information;
7 a slot opening within said wall extending over the entire longitudinal length
8 thereof, said slot permitting passage laterally of the hook through said slot for mounting
9 of said marker to the clothes hanger hook;
10 a plurality of lugs extending generally radially inwardly from the inner peripheral
11 surface of said ring wall generally towards the center of the cylindrical ring wall, at
12 circumferentially spaced positions such that said lugs contribute to centering said ring
13 wall on said clothes hanger hook; and
14 a gate bard and a blocking barb extending generally radially inwardly from the
15 inner peripheral surface of said ring wall and being positioned on either side of said slot
16 opening within said ring wall, said gate barb and said blocking barb being non-
17 symmetrical to each other with respect to a plane that extends radially outwardly from the
18 center of the marker through the slot opening and axially along a direction of the hanger
19 hook within the marker, said gate barb flexing more than said blocking barb when the
20 hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly through the slot opening into the marker, and
21 said blocking barb providing a substantial reactive blocking force along a longitudinal
22 length of said blocking barb when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from
23 within the marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.

1 12. The marker as claimed in claim 11, wherein said gate barb includes a radially
2 inner surface that serves to deflect the hanger hook away from the slot opening.

1 13. The marker as claimed in claim 12, wherein said gate barb includes a radially
2 inward tip that is defined between a generally rounded radially outer surface and a
3 generally flat radially inner surface.

1 14. The marker as claimed in claim 11, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 outer surface adjacent said slot opening that contributes to guiding the hanger hook
3 toward the center of the marker when the hanger hook is pushed radially inwardly
4 through the slot opening into the marker.

1 15. The marker as claimed in claim 15, wherein said blocking barb includes a radially
2 inner end portion that includes a generally flat surface against which the hanger hook
3 may be contacted when the hanger hook is pushed radially outwardly from within the
4 marker in an effort to remove the marker from the hanger.